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Invention: **System For Analysing Sample Liquids Containing A Position Control Unit**
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004 in the above-identified patent application, please consider the following. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Our check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed for the payment of the extension request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(a)(1). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 10-0435.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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